

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
 Draft AGM Minutes
 Wednesday March 29, 2017
 Western Forest Products Boardroom 7:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Attendance:

Kent O'Neill, President Teresa O'Neil, Interim treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Sam Kagan, Stewardship Coordinator Frank Collins, Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Kadin Snook, Fisheries Coordinator, MMFN Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Jason Kydd, TSES volunteer	Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products Roger Dunlop, Gold River resident Paul LeBrun, Gold River resident Suzanne Trevis, Gold River resident Louis, Gold River Resident
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda with additions – Moved by Craig. 2nd by Kadin. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the Minutes Mar 1, 2017 – with changes to correspondence – name the emails circulated by Roger. Moved by Roger. 2nd by Frank. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Mar 1, 2017 meeting -

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Follow up with brochure / quotes for printing	Sam	DONE
Final Report for PSF transport tank	Sam	DONE – Sam will send for our review before going to PSF ACTION- Sam – order big PSF stickers
Conuma side channel report	Craig – to distribute by email	Ongoing
Check if there was a past motion to use/ change the Lodge Owners funds	Kent	Discussed below (new business)
Signage/ pictures at Big Bend –	Sam and Craig	Ongoing
Muchalaht name for Big Bend/ Chermar	Roger	DONE -Berry harvesting area No native name just general area
Attend a TSES to discuss PSF applications	Dave Davies	DONE
List of all fishing derbies and who is able to attend to represent NSWS	Subcommittee – Sam and Kadin	Ongoing
Final collaborative payment – where to send cheque	Lyndy – send Teresa info	DONE – Teresa to mail on Monday
Circulate email correspondence from Roger	Lyndy	DONE ACTION – Lyndy -to name in last month minutes

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING – has started - Kent has asked for input and he is looking at serious letter writing.

Terms of Reference	Kent	ONGOING Kent looking at a simpler version and will present to us at another meeting.
Talk to Jason re: Restorative Justice	Kent	ONGOING – conversation started

5. Old Business

a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Report

Brochure ready to go to the printer – costs – vista print - \$150/500 how many do we want printed? **ACTION** Sam to check costs at local printers to compare.

Poster for lodges/stores to promote buying memberships – lodges to receive package with cover letter, poster, brochures, stickers, lanyards with NSW

MOTION to spend up to \$1200 to buy the things necessary to complete this project – brochures, posters, stickers, brochure holders. Moved by Roger. 2nd by Kadin. All in favour. Motion carried.

Roger is proposing a fund raising idea – he has 1000 tickets that he will sell for \$5 each to raffle off a cedar woven hat that he had won at a previous function - proceeds from the ticket sales will be split 50/50 with the NSW and the MMFN children's activity fund.

Summer fundraising – list of derbies, intro to lodges and need people to follow up and help

Kadin – can help / Kent – can help

For all the brochures and fundraising goods – where to store? Kent and Teresa can hold them at the lodge alternatively Paul Kutz can store at WFP – maybe keep some at both for good accessibility.

List of lodges

Kent and/or Sam will distribute our fundraising package to the lodges – big distribution – early June

Mug fundraiser – we sell them at wholesale and lodge can markup –still looking at the logistics of this project

Need NSW receipt book for every lodge.

Webpage – need more partners - send Sam ideas

ACTION – logo for MoT – KENT

Estuary monitoring program – looking at juvenile salmon outmigration – and collect data for future.

Tahsis Estuary Monitoring program set to go again this spring. More information available on our website www.nootkasound.info

Tahsis – April 19, May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20 – all Tuesdays – contact Sam if you would like to get involved

Also looking at the potential to do a monitoring project on the Gold River estuary – still working out all the details (Kadin to go with Sam and Shannon to search potential sites)

Anticipated dates; May 2, May 16, May 30, June 13 – all Tuesdays – more info will be posted on our website

James Fisher, Nootka Marine Adventures – would like to be involved and do a school group beach seine in Moutcha Bay

Sam is requesting approval to apply for a scientific licence with DFO – in case Dave or Shannon not there – NSW group is fine with this.

b. Fisheries Habitat

Gold River Steelhead – they counted the index section Heber confluence to campsite –1 steelhead – the thought is max 50 fish in this river. Is it felt that it should be closed - there is less and less spawning area. Talked about if they would do any enhancement – this is a long process. Heber is staying constant with numbers for steelhead but the Gold is not.

Roger would like to share his presentation with Paul Kutz as he was not able to attend. Roger and Paul to discuss times that work for them.

c. Dunlop Creek Fence – Marcel plans to set up Sunday – Lyndy to find out if Larry Rose Sr. interested

Volunteers needed – daily checks

Sunday – Pat and Dick Dennison

Monday – Kadin

Tuesday- Lyndy

Wednesday- ??

Thursday- Roger

Friday-Marcel

Saturday- Sam/Jake

d. **Hatchery Update**

Conuma – Lyndy read the hatchery status report – all looking well. Vaccinating the Burman, Gold and Early group of Conuma chinook in the coming week. Working on setting up the new seapens – 6 – 40x40 pens on the other side of the bay, closer to the influence of the Conuma River. Contractors working on installation of the 8 new circular tubs.

Tahsis – Frank reports that all is going well.

Leiner River Chinook – 156,000 – will be vaccinated tomorrow and then to the pens in a couple of weeks. They are exploring options of releasing 50,000 into the upper watershed – by helicopter or truck - would be nice to mark separately so they could see results.

Tahsis River Chinook – 80,000 (7,000 were release by quad trailer into the upper Tahsis already)

Zeballos – it reported that Elmar has moved to Sechelt.

Lyle is back to help out at the hatchery. Plan to release the 15,000 chum fry soon. **ACTION** – Kent to contact Stacy Larson/ Lyle Billy re: submitting a monthly report to read at our NSWS meetings

e. **Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates**

Stewardship fish – 1200 fish – to stewardship – numbers are decided on basically how much abundance. The stewardship fish are now a constant at the top always stay at 1200. Major discussions are still in place for the logistics. The earlier, the more value, market as stewardship fish.

Concerns of creating another commercial fishery – by letting them out earlier.

Do we want to do value added – the NSWS put up venture capital

ACTION – subcommittee Roger, Kadin, Kent –to do marketing ideas -

6. **New Business**

Lodge Owner Fund – Kent looked through past minutes and reported back that the lodge owners fund was initially made up with seed money from Bob Handyside with idea for hatchery on the Gold – then other lodges contributed to this idea and monies went into that fund. It was later decided not to do a hatchery there. **MOTION** - Change name of Lodge Owners account to General Revenue fund – Moved by Roger. 2nd by Kadin. All in favour. Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

Sam read from face book – Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations will be doing bridge/ road improvements on the Head Bay road this spring summer – Tlupana Creek #4, Perry River, and Leigh Creek.

Riparian workshop – to be held in Fanny bay – Sam is going will report back to the group

Email from Pat Dennison – Dick and Pat wish to remain on board of directors, and will continue to fund raise for the NSWS at Cougar Creek. They also wish to be involved with volunteer activities at Muchalat Lake with the Gold River Chinook

8. **Financial Report –**

Financial Report was read by Teresa.

MOTION to accept financial report. Moved by Roger. 2nd by Paul. All in favour. Motion carried

ACTION – Kent to follow up with Jason re: Restorative Justice funds for education.

ACTION – Roger to write letter to NSWS requesting funding for the SeaFood / SeaVeg summer program

9. **Next Meeting** - Wednesday April 26, 2017 7 pm – Council of Chiefs Room, Tsaxana

10. **Adjournment** - 8:43pm – Moved by Marcel.